are some teachers who have been transferred from the English Schools.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Is it a fact that all subjects other than English are taught in the Vernacular in the English Middle Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Are these schools still called English Schools?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, they are called English Middle Schools.

Fall in the price of cocoanuts.

98. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the abnormal fall in the price of cocoanuts and the consequent economic distress in the State:

(*a*) whether they have taken steps for pressing upon the attention of the Imperial Government the necessity of immediate help being rendered to the Travancore ryots and, if so, what; and

(*b*) what action was taken by Government to give effect to the resolution passed by the Sri Chitra State Council in May 1934 urging the abolition of the export duty on copra and cocoanut products?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) The matter has been placed before the Government of India for their very early consideration.

(*b*) The resolution was partly accepted. In pursuance of the same, the tariff values of copra, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and *punnac*, for the purposes of levy of export duty, were reduced as follows with effect from the 1st Chingam 1110:—

Copra from Bh. Rs. 16 to Bh. Rs. 10 per cwt.
Cocoanuts from Bh. Rs. 48 to Bh. Rs. 30 per thousand.
Cocoanut oil from Bh. Rs. 12 to Bh Rs. 8 per cwt.
Punnac from Bh. Rs. 5 to Bh. Rs. 3 per cwt.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): With regard to answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether our Government have received any communication from the Government of India to say that the matter is receiving their consideration?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): As far as I am aware, no reply has been received.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Sir, to an identical question raised before the House during the last meeting of the Assembly, it was replied that the Government of India have been addressed on the matter. I want to know whether any further action has been taken by our Government.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): This Government have sent reminders to the Government of India on the matter.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : In the light of the silence on the part of the Government of India on this matter, is it not a fact that the Government of India have not taken up our representation ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The matter is being considered by the Government of India.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : But the Government of India have not yet communicated the matter ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : From the answer made to one of the questions yesterday, it could be seen that the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has made certain proposals to the Government of India ; and I understand that the Government of India has sent it to the Tariff Board and that the matter is being considered. It will take time for the Government of India to arrive at some decision.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : What was the result of the deliberations of the Government of India before it was placed before the Tariff Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The Committee made certain proposals to the Government of India and the Government of India have referred it to the Tariff Board.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : So am I to understand that the Government of India have not yet made any decision on this matter ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : They have not, so far as this Government are aware of.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Pattanapuram* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether so far the matter is being referred only to the Tariff Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : That is the information which I gather from newspaper reports.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Pathanapuram* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know whether this Government have got any information from the Government of India that they have referred the matter to the Tariff Board ?

PRESIDENT : On what authority is the Governmet member speaking ? A question has been asked as to whether the Travancore Government is aware that the Government of India have referred these points to the Tariff Board ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : That is the newspaper report, as I said just now.

PRESIDENT : Ah !

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I rise to a point of order. Can a Government member answer on the basis of newspaper reports ? It was fuled that non-officials cannot base their questions on newspaper reports.

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PRESIDENT: That is exactly the point that I was trying to point out when the Government member was answering on the basis of newspaper reports.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Yesterday it was said that Government never rely on newspaper reports.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): May I know from the member whether the information as to the reduction of tariff value was published in the Gazette.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It was published in the Gazette last year.

Duty on Coir Yarn imported into France.

99. ❋**MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that coir yarn imported into France is now subjected to a duty of 75 Francs per 100 kilos *plus* 15% *ad-valorem* as a result of coir yarn being classified as "Cordelettes de Coco"; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any action with a view to having coir yarn classified as "Fibre de Coco" as before or for effecting a reduction in the import duty?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member what quality of yarn is being imported into France from Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): In a letter which the Chamber of Commence sent to the Government, I find that mostly it is the finer variety of yarn that is imported into France.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether the Government have understood the difference between the classifications "Cordelettes de Coco" and "Fibre de Coco" (*Laughter.*)?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The one refers to coir fibre and the other refers to coir yarn.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): So am I to understand that Government are going to take action in the matter of classification?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): That is under consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know how the classification is going to change the import duty?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Government are considering what action they can take in the matter.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether this prohibitive duty imposed by France was necessitated on account of the fact that you impose export duty on yarn?

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